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The Amendment filed on March 16, 2006 is non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirement of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), for example the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be resubmitted.

In the Amendment filed on March 16, 2006, claim 20 is listed as "Previously Presented", however, the claim language does not match the previously filed claim (filed February 27, 2005), thus appears to have been amended. Currently the claim recites "anyone one of claims 16-9" and the previous claim set recites " anyone one of claims16-19". As the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a Non-Final Office Action and since the amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hope A. Robinson whose telephone number is 571-272-0957. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Kerr, can be reached at (571) 272-0931.

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